

REMARKS

Claims 9-11, 14-18, 20 and 22-31 are in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Independent claims 9, 16 and 26 have been amended to describe compartments or spaces on the rotor for holding carriers or boxes, in view of the Examiner's comments at page 3 of the June 30, 2004 Office Action. Claim 25 has been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection. Other changes have been made to claims 9, 15, 16, 25, 26 and 28, as shown on the attached claim sheets. New claims 30 and 31 have been added.

Claims 24 and 27-29 are allowed. Applicant submits that claim 25, as amended herein, is also now in condition for allowance, in view of paragraph 6 of the June 30, 2004 Office Action.

Turning to the rejections of paragraph 3 of the June 30, 2004 Office Action, the body of each of the claims now describes box or carrier compartments or spaces, so as to positively recite structure limiting the apparatus to cleaning only carriers and boxes (and their doors).

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Accordingly, Applicant submits that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore requested.

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